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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached annotated one sheet of drawings includes an addition of Fig. 5b

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

Annotated Sheet showing change (1)

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REMARKS

Initially, applicant acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 7 and 36-41. With respect to claim 8, the Examiner has rejected such claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 8 to more particularly define the invention for which protection is sought. Applicant believes that claim 8 is now in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83(a) in that the generally square shape of the guide of claim 3 must be shown or the feature cancelled from the claims. It is noted that applicant previously rewrote claim 3 in independent form as claim 36 and cancelled claim 3 from the application. It is believed that the Examiner is referring to claim 36. Per the Examiner's request, applicant has added new Fig. 5b to show the generally square shape of the guide of claim 3. It is noted that claim 36 is generic to all the species identified by the Examiner in the present application. As such, it is believed that the square shape of the guide is clearly described throughout the specification. Consequently, applicant believes the subject matter depicted in Fig. 5b is fully supported in the specification and no new matter is provided.

As described above, it is noted that original claim 3 was generic to all of the embodiments identified in the original Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of March 4, 2005. I refer the Examiner to the Applicant's Response filed April 4, 2005. As such, given the allowance a generic claim in the present application (claim 3 rewritten in independent form as claim 36), Applicant respectively requests that claims 10-12, 14, 17-22, 27-29, 33 and 35 be examined on their merits in the present application.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that claims 1, 7-8 and 36-41 of the present application are in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Further, given that claim 36 is generic to all species depicted in the present application, applicant respectfully requests that claims 10-12, 14, 17-22, 27-29, 33 and 35 be returned to the present application and examined on the merits. Applicant believes that no fee is necessary with the present communication. However, should the Examiner consider any fee to be payable in connection with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite the prosecution of this application.

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